

STRIKING WORKERS PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the United Autoworkers on strike at John Deere and to express my heartfelt condolences for a devastating loss.

We woke up to tragic news this morning that a worker in Milan, Illinois, was crossing the street by the picket line and was struck and killed.

This is heartbreaking. He was just described to me as a quiet and kind person, the type of guy who would make you laugh.

My prayers are with his family and with all of the striking UAW workers today.

These workers have put their lives on the line in more ways than one. At the height of the pandemic, Deere employees in the district that I serve were deemed essential, even making thousands of anti-COVID face shields that Deere donated to help keep others safe. They were working 10- and 12-hour shifts.

John Deere is an iconic, homegrown American company, part of the fabric of the community where I live. When a business is as successful as Deere & Company, they need to make sure that their workers are rewarded for that, they are key to that success. These workers have earned a fair deal.

I have faith in John Deere, and I stand with our UAW workers.

GAIN OF DYSFUNCTION IN WASHINGTON

(Mr. LONG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, you hear a lot today about the gain of dysfunction research.

Gain of dysfunction research is going on right here in Washington, D.C., and I say it is time we put a stop to it. This gain of dysfunction research leads us to all kinds of problems in our country that we weren't facing before January 3 of this year and most definitely before January 20 of this year.

Our friends across the aisle have proposed \$5.5 trillion in new spending, \$2.1 trillion in new tax increases, the highest level of spending and highest level of tax increases in history.

Now, they can say no one under \$400,000 has to pay these new taxes, but through the dysfunction of Congress and the White House, this gain of dysfunction research must stop.

People under \$400,000 are paying 42.1 percent more for gas. It is kind of a status symbol today to be able to fill your tank up with gas.

Gas utilities are up 20.6 percent. I only wish in my hometown that is all we were going to face this winter. Propane, kerosene, firewood are up 27 percent.

The energy crisis, national average for gas up to \$3.38.

And not to mention the dysfunction going on at our border, the worst border crisis in 30 years, 192,000 in apprehensions.

I say it is time to end the state of dysfunction in Washington, D.C. research.

HONORING THE HEROISM OF ARISTIDES DE SOUSA MENDES

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese diplomat and hero who singlehandedly saved tens of thousands of lives of people fleeing the Nazi persecution in 1940.

On October 19, 2021, Sousa Mendes was laid to rest in the National Pantheon in Lisbon, Portugal.

He was proudly Portuguese and had a deep love of country, family, and the arts. He served as the Portuguese consulate general in Bordeaux, France, in 1940.

When Hitler launched his invasion of France on May 10, 1940, millions of people suddenly found themselves in imminent danger from Nazi attack.

Thousands sought visas in the consulate in Bordeaux trying to escape. In June of 1940, Sousa Mendes issued an estimated 30,000 visas, including to roughly 10,000 Jews fleeing for their lives with their families, despite the Salazar regime having forbidden their diplomats in Portugal from issuing such visas to refugees.

The Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer cited Sousa Mendes' actions as perhaps the largest rescue action by a single individual during the Holocaust.

As a punishment for disobeying the mandates of his country's Salazar regime, Sousa Mendes was stripped of his job, denied a pension, and pushed into poverty. His home was repossessed, and he suffered two strokes before passing away in 1954.

"I may have erred," he wrote, "but if so, I did it unintentionally, having followed the voice of my conscience, which . . . never failed to guide me in the fulfillment of my duties, in full awareness of my responsibilities."

After years without recognition for his heroism, I commend the decision to lay Sousa Mendes to rest in the National Pantheon, celebrating his courage.

Please join me in honoring Aristides de Sousa Mendes.

STOP THE RECKLESS SPENDING SPREE

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, the cost of living keeps getting more expensive, and we are reminded of that

every time we fill up our cars and trucks. Gasoline prices, at a 7-year high, are putting a strain on family budgets.

When asked about surging gas prices, President Biden said, "I don't have a near-term solution." Well, Republicans do, with bills languishing in committee. His lack of solutions is of little comfort to struggling families.

Meanwhile, the President's \$5 trillion tax-and-spending plan advances extreme policies that will increase consumer costs and undermine American energy. That includes imposing a new tax on home heating bills, as well as an arbitrary drilling moratorium on Federal lands.

Banning domestic energy production will only increase reliance on foreign energy sources, and motorists everywhere will pay with higher prices at the pump.

Let's stop this reckless spending spree and attack on American energy before it is too late.

DEMOCRATS MAKING TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, while in my district a few weeks ago, I spoke with my constituents about the Democratic Party's plan to build our country back better after the pandemic.

The people of the Virgin Islands agree with me that we have reached an inflection point. This is our moment to prove to the American people that their government works for the people, not just those at the top.

As President Biden always said, we need to reward work in this country, not just wealth. Build Back Better means creating millions of jobs while tackling the climate crisis and ensuring that America will not only compete but lead the way to the clean energy future. Meanwhile, its transformative investments in women and families—including childcare, paid leave, home-based care, and universal pre-K—will unlock the full economic potential of parents in the workforce. It also includes historic investment in workforce training, to connect workers to jobs.

Democrats have already made sure 40 million American families received a tax cut through the Biden child tax credit, which is helping cut child poverty in half. Build Back Better doubles down on those investments, resulting in one of the largest middle-class tax cuts ever. This is our opportunity to build back better.

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INFLATION IS ONGOING

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)